

elected Finance Chairman of the DNC, while Hartigan had been the DNC Finance Director from 1994 through early 1995. By mid-April 1995, they had established the framework for the re-election campaign's finance department, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. They set out on a mission of raising funds for the President's 1996 campaign, with the goal of hitting the matching funds maximum level at the earliest possible date, so that the finance operation could then be shut down and the resources assigned to other parts of the campaign.²⁸¹

Patrick and Evelyn O'Connor both had been active supporters of the Clinton/Gore ticket in 1992, each contributing at the \$1,000 maximum level, and both raising funds from others as well. In 1995, Hartigan asked Patrick O'Connor to join the National Finance Board of the re-election campaign. Board membership required a total of \$50,000 raised in no more than \$1,000 increments, with the first half of the fund-raising obligation being due by June 19, when the board would have its initial meeting in Washington. As an alternative, fund-raisers also could receive recognition at one of the two levels of the re-election campaign's steering committee by generating either \$15,000 or \$25,000 in contributions.

On April 21, 1995, O'Connor's daytimer reflects Hartigan's name and number, but no detail of a call.²⁸² On April 25, O'Connor spoke with Hartigan by phone, and billed the conversation to the St. Croix Tribe on the Hudson matter. Neither O'Connor nor Hartigan has any recollection of their discussing the Hudson matter. Records suggest, nonetheless, that

²⁸¹They reached that goal in November 1995, when the combination of raised funds and federal matching funds totaled \$43.2 million, after which many of the re-election campaign's finance staff moved over (or back) to the DNC.

²⁸²By April 22, however, O'Connor had some information about the re-election campaign's agenda, since he billed two non-Hudson clients for providing information to them regarding "Committee to Reelect and DNC plans for '95 and '96."